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To: EIS Office
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt.
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12 I am writing in opposition to the Department of Energy plan to turn Yucca Mountain into a nuclear waste repository. Environmental, public interest, consumer, and taxpayer organizations, as well as many cities, counties and even states -- representing many millions of Americans -- have opposed various aspects of the Yucca Mountain dump proposal over the past twenty years. DOE should declare the Yucca Mountain site unsuitable, terminate the project, return the land to its prior condition, and seek guidance from Congress and the President on next steps for addressing the nuclear waste dilemma, as provided for in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended. DOE should heed the call by more than 150 groups across our land, that high-level radioactive wastes stored on-site at reactors be safeguarded and secured against accidents, attacks, and leakage until a scientifically sound and socially acceptable long term waste management plan is arrived at through democratic and just means. The one to two million dollars per day being wasted at the dead end Yucca Mountain Project should be immediately re-directed to securing and safeguarding on-site waste storage at reactors, that will inevitably remain in place for decades to come.

Sincerely,
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